

# Bar Association of the Third Federal Circuit

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Dear Friend:

We are writing to bring to your attention an exciting new development in the Third Circuit. With the endorsement of the Court, a dedicated group of appellate practitioners from each of the districts within the Circuit has formed a Third Circuit Bar Association that will improve the quality of appellate practice within the Circuit and strengthen the relationships among the Court, its staff, and practitioners.

Modeled after circuit-wide bar associations in other circuits, the Third Circuit Bar Association has established some ambitious goals. The Association intends to raise the standards of appellate practice, help develop rules of practice, promote events and educational programs that will aid the Court in the administration of justice, and facilitate bench/bar relations. One particular goal will be to assist the Court in the planning and staging of its Judicial Conference, which, held every other year, brings judges and practitioners together from all corners of the Circuit in educational programming.

The Association has been spearheaded by Nancy Winkelman (Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, Philadelphia, PA), who serves as its first President, and Jim Martin (Reed Smith LLP, Pittsburgh, PA), who is the President-Elect. The officers and initial Board of Governors represent the geographic and practice area diversity of the Circuit. In addition to Winkelman and Martin, the officers are: Stephen Orlofsky (Blank Rome LLP, Cherry Hill, NJ), who is the Treasurer, and C.J. Seitz (Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP, Wilmington, DE), who is the Secretary. The Board of Governors is drawn from each District within the Circuit and from several at-large seats, and comprises some of the most highly-regarded appellate practitioners in the Circuit, including: Charles Craven (Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, Philadelphia, PA); Paul Fishman (Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP, Newark, NJ); Lisa Freeland (Federal Public Defender, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA); Peter Goldberger (Law Office of Peter Goldberger, Ardmore, PA); Robert Graci (Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, Harrisburg, PA); Cynthia Jacob (Fisher & Phillips LLP, Somerset, NJ); John Knorr (Chief Deputy Attorney General, Harrisburg, PA); John Parkins (Richard Layton & Finger, Wilmington, DE); Andrew Simpson (Andrew C. Simpson, P.C., St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands); and Mary Gibbons Whipple (Whipple Law Firm, P.C., Morristown, NJ).

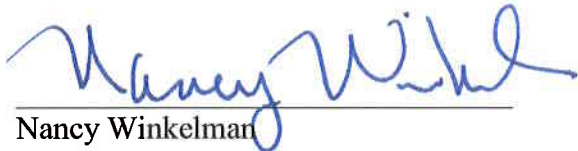
The judges of the Court view the establishment of the Third Circuit Bar Association as a very positive step in helping to promote excellence in federal appellate practice, and have expressed the hope that all lawyers who practice before the Court will consider joining. The strength of the Association lies primarily with the diversity and breadth of its membership. In order to encourage the broadest participation possible, the Association has set its annual dues at the modest rate of \$35/year. We hope you will consider joining.

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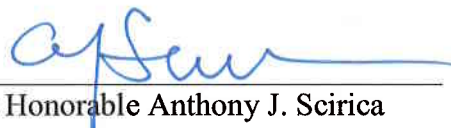
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Sincerely,



Nancy Winkelman  
President, Bar Association of  
the Third Federal Circuit



The Honorable Anthony J. Scirica  
Chief Judge, United States Court of  
Appeals for the Third Circuit

**Application for Membership  
Bar Association of the Third Federal Circuit**

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\_\_\_\_ I am admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
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I am a member in good standing of the Bar in

\_\_\_\_ Delaware Year Admitted \_\_\_\_\_

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